

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Homer Chance on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to congratulate special citizens as they celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 1947, Homer and Margaret Chance were joined in holy matrimony, and since that memorable day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Chance are natives of Davidson County and have been highly respected citizens of the Madison community for all of their adult lives; and

WHEREAS, their lifelong courtship began when they were high school sweethearts at Isaac Litton High School, where Margaret was a majorette and Homer played football; he later charmed Margaret into leaving college to marry him; and

WHEREAS, the Chance's marriage began under humble conditions: their first home on Gibson Drive was a converted chicken coop built by Homer, and much of the cleaning was left for Margaret to complete prior to moving into the little love nest; and

WHEREAS, Homer's affinity for hunting led to Margaret being affectionately nicknamed the "Widow", as he departed for the great outdoors on the very day of the birth of their first child; and

WHEREAS, a realtor for most of his adult life, Homer opened his first realty company in a block building which was without any plumbing, and stood out in the middle of a field in south

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Madison; an ever-faithful Margaret was by his side to help build the business and tended to the details while Homer “hunted” for deals; and

WHEREAS, in their early years, the Chances would put their pig on a leash, dress their kids in tote sacks, wear bonnets, and carry corn-cob pipes and walk the streets of downtown Nashville to promote Madison Hillbilly Days; and

WHEREAS, the Chances are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Homer and Margaret Chance are unremitting supporters of the Madison community, as evidenced by their support of the Madison Chamber of Commerce, Madison Civic Club, Madison Big Brothers, Kingsdaughter Day Home, Christian Cooperative Ministry and Pro-Madison, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced three children: Randy, Pam and Deb, who have been fortunate to have parents who represent the very essence of commitment, responsibility and love of family; and

WHEREAS, the Chances are delighted to be called Granddad and Grandma by their seven grandchildren: Bryan Chance, Brent Chance, Holly Chance, Mitsi Howard, Anita Howard, Daren Phillips and Dennis Phillips; and

WHEREAS, they evince their devout faith as members of the City Road Chapel United Methodist Church, where Homer is president of the Hayes Sunday School Class and Margaret also teaches the class occasionally; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this union has endured to stand as a testament to the Chances continuing faith in each other and to their love of family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Homer and Margaret Chance on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary,

and extend to them our most sincere wish that they enjoy the blessings of life together for many years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Chance with this final clause omitted from such copy.